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P.P.A. party leader Benny Nisbet revealed a letter in an Island Council meeting Tuesday. The letter dated 7 years ago was addressed to the Executive Council of Aruba and reportedly contained information referring to the closure of Lago. Nisbet said that he received the letter by mail from an anonymous letter.

According to reports Tuesday night, the meeting between the Island Government and the GABA, SEPA and SIMAR unions were in a deadlock.

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THURSDAY MARCH 28, 1985,

Probably Dutch Premier will go to Venezuela in connection with Shell affair



WILLEMSTAD—According to reports from The Hague, there are indications that Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers will go to Venezuela personally to discuss the Shell problem with the Venezuelan authorities. Several members of the Antillean delegation got the impression that Lubbers will convince the Shell that the March 31 deadline which was stipulated as the date for a reply stating whether the Netherlands Antilles would participate with a two-thirds majority of shares in the Shell refinery should be postponed to at least June 30. According to reports, the Netherlands Antilles is willing to participate with 30 percent. The Antillean delegation believes that Prime Minister Lubbers, who is known as a firm negotiator since he was minister of economic affairs in the Van Agt cabinet, will spare no efforts to seek a solution to the matter which is of great importance to the future of Curacao in particular and the Netherlands Antilles in general.

OFF DAY ON FRIDAY MARCH 29

SAN NICOLAS -
In accordance with Article XVI of the CWA, Lago management and IOWUA

have agreed on a single vacation day (Union Day) to be granted on Friday March 29.

A DELEGATION FROM THE INSTITUTE OF HIGH STUDIES OF THE DEFENSE OF VENEZUELA IS VISITING ARUBA



ORANJESTAD—A delegation from the Institute of High Studies of the Defense of Venezuela is presently visiting Aruba. The delegation consists of 25 persons who are studying various faculties, such as: science, politics, economic development, cultural, social and educational affairs. Vice Admiral Julio Cesar Lanz Castellanos is head of the institute and chief of the visiting delegation. Monday afternoon the delegation met with the Deputy of Information, Frank Croes, and Tuesday the delegation visited Aruba Ports Authority, the Public Library and the Department of Agriculture, Animal Breeding and Fishery.

TEAM OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS TO SEARCH FOR MISSING TOURIST

ORANJESTAD/St. Eustatius - The American government has requested permission to send a team of mountain climbers to search for a 49 year old American tourist who has been missing since two weeks ago. The man arri-

ved on the island from St. Maarten and said that he wanted to climb to the top of "The Quill" an

extinct volcano. He was taken to the foot of the mountain and he told the taxi driver to return later

to pick him up, but was not seen since then. An extensive search by natives, the police, and U.S. agents failed to locate the missing man. His family raised the sum of a reward from 1000 to 5,000 dollars.

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**Editor's Corner**

POSITIVE POINTS FOR CURACAO

Government officials and business leaders in Curacao held a joint meeting last week to discuss the financial and socio-economic condition of the island and to agree on what measures should be taken for the future. The meeting should be a blatant example for Aruba of what can be done through cooperation and the will to work together, Lionel Capriles, the head of Maduro & Curiel's Bank said. "One of our strengths at the moment is that everybody's feeling the pinch. I think everybody feels that only by working together can we get out of this problem. For the past years it has been noted that there is no cooperation between the island government and the opposition, nor hardly any cooperation between the island government and our business leaders and commercial organizations. Again and again we hear remarks that there is too much politics in every move that the government makes. It is said that everything is done on a political, personal and partisan basis. For instance during the Lago crisis the opposition was left out of all of the discussions concerning the matter. In fact not even the Island Council was amply informed about the situation, it was strictly a one-party affair. Contrary to Aruba, and another positive point for Curacao, is that a delegation headed by Prime Minister Maria Liberia Peters and consisting of representatives of all of the islands political parties, business and labor leaders, went to Holland to discuss the current Shell problem. Whether the delegation will be successful or not remains to be seen, but nevertheless the fact remains that the coalition government and representatives of all sectors were involved in the talks. With only nine months to go before Aruba gets "Status Aparte" this is definitely not a time for party and personal image-building. It is a time for cooperation and wide scale involvement. For if the governing party of Aruba intends to go it alone without the involvement of the opposition and representatives of all sectors of the population, it should also be prepared to solely accept the full responsibility for whatever happens in the future of Aruba.

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by **WILLY**

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A fella tell Willy dat he bounce up on a darlin in a fete an he start mekin he play. He say he had tink dat she was a Haitian but when he foin ouk dat she is a Jamiancan he disa pear.

A lady tell Willy dat dey break in she house an' thief she iron comb ah she fan. She say she was savin up some Amstel stoppers an' dey gone wid dem too.

Well, Well, dis one beat all A lady tell Willy dat she husban' tell she dat he goin bring he byside home to live by she because he ain't wukkin now an' he can't pay two house rent!

GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA SAYS THANKS

WILLEMSTAD -

The honorary consul of Domicana, Oscar Riviere expressed thanks on behalf of the government of Dominica to the government of the Netherlands Antilles for the warm reception given to the Prime Minister of Dominica Eugenia Charles, during a recent visit to Curacao. Special thanks was expres

sed to Prime Minister Maria Liberia Peters for inviting the Dominican prime minister for the celebration of Woman's International Day. "There is no

doubt that in spite of the expected protests from certain groups Mrs. Charles received the highest honor and respect possible" Said the letter.

We the undersigned thank all persons who operated the local Fire Brigade and especially the men of the Lago Fire Department who worked during the fire on March 5 at Wimco adn Libery Store. Had it not been for your efficient and capable service, we would have also lost our property
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OIL GLUT BRINGS SLUMP TO CURACAO AND ARUBA

-Taken from the New York Times of Friday, march 15, 1985-

WILLEMSTAD—Since the oil refineries opened in Aruba and Curacao half a century ago, the fortunes of these two sparkling Caribbean islands have largely followed the demand for oil. Now their prosperity is threatened a casualty of the worldwide glut in oil refining capacity, and the islands face their severest economic predicament in memory. At the end of March, the Exxon Corporation's oil refining which has provided about

half of Aruba's annual income, will close. And the Royal Shell Groups refinery, a major employer in Curacao has said it may have to close as well unless the Government, which is already financially strained, buys two-thirds of Shells money-losing plant. The leaders of both islands, which lie just off the coast of Venezuela, say hundreds of layoffs and widespread pay cuts are inevitable—a situation that has already led to some peaceful protests

among workers in Aruba. Although plans to develop new sources of income for the islands are under way, no instant cures for their ailing economies are in sight. Many people here have found it impos-

sible to believe that there might ever be an Aruba without Exxon or a Curacao without Shell. We understand the refineries to be a permanent part of these islands, one businessman said. The im-

pact is going to be psychological as well as financial. Both Exxon and Shell provided social benefits for local as well as foreign employees and became

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POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF SHELL DEADLINE

THE HAGUE/WILLEMSTAD—There is a possibility that the March 31 deadline set by Shell for the Antilles to accept its proposed condition in relation to the continuation of its operation in Curacao will be postponed. Following the discussions which the Antillean

delegation had with Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers it was decided by both parties that the march 31 date is premature and they pointed out that Shell unilaterally stipulated that date. In view of the importance of the forthcoming deliberations, sources in The Ha-

gue and Willemstad declined to comment on the results of the first meeting. A spokesman in The Hague said that the matter is now on a "Government

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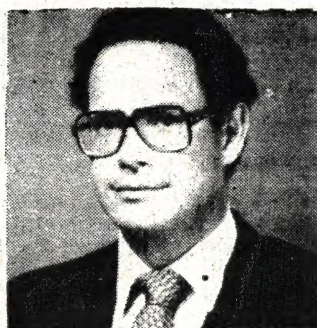
SAN NICOLAS—During a recent visit to the United States, Mr. Selwyn (chief) Spanner, member of Aruba's parliament was interviewed by Mr. Dennis Palmer of the University of St. Louis, Ohio, on a television program called "The Problem Is". Spanner gave the audience some detail-

led and constructive information about Aruba, its people, its parliamentary system, its investment possibilities, tourist industry etc. A video tape

of the program was shown on TeleAruba last week and received favorable comments from local residents.



Mr. Selwyn Spanner



ORANJESTAD—The Partido Democratico Arubano officially opened its Information Center at Boerhavestraat 14

P.D.A. OPENED INFORMATION CENTER

last night. Party leader Dr. L. Berlinski welcomed the guests and gave an outline of the history of the party from 1982 to 1985. A lecture on agriculture, horticulture, and animal breeding and fishery in Aruba was given by Messrs T. Dabian and I. Nico-

laas. The center will organize informative evenings where experts will elaborate on topics of importance for a healthy development of the community. The public will also be given general information about developments of the party.

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HOW TO WIN OVER VIOUS HABITS

By:

Robert Mc.Clain
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Once again I want to quote completely, with permission, from Dr. Harold J. Sala in his Guidelines For Living, no. 20 98. His points are well taken and deserve our meditation and action as a result of them. The alcoholic and the drug user have several things in common: (1) They share common reasons for indulgence which range from boredom to the desire to escape from the weariness of life. (2) Their habit can totally wipe out the future if unchecked. (3) Until they are willing to admit they have a problem and seek help, there is little hope, and (4) There is a way back but it is a difficult one. Year s ago a grand chess master visited a gallery in Paris where a picture was on display Checkmate. The artist had painted the picture of a young man playing chess with the devil, and the young man had apparently been beaten by the devil.... On the face of the devil was a sneer as he gloated in victory. The grand chess master though, wasn't interested in the quality of the painting that hung in the gallery. He was interested in the chessman on the board. He studied the board quietly and intently for some time not making a sound or

moving a muscle, and then quickly without realizing the youth was only a painting, the words burst from his lips. Young man, there is a way you can beat the devil, but there is only one way. "Guiding number one: Deliverance is possible with God's help. The drug and alcohol habit syndrome is a vicious circle. The deeper you get into the habit the more helpless you feel. Despair and anxiety begin to pile up. At first you think: I can handle the problem; I can quit whenever I want. But you know deep in your

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Dr. Rory Arends in Holland



ORANJESTAD -- Dr. Rory Arends (extreme right) head of the Aruba Tourist Office visited Holland recently to promote tourism for Aruba. Together with personnel of the Aruba House presented promotional programs in various cities, such as: Utrecht, Arnhem, Eindhoven, Amsterdam and The Hague. Dr. Arends received much cooperation from personnel of the Aruba House, consisting of: Miro Dabian, Mirtha Oduber, Lily Polsbroek, Alex Croes, Astrid Kelly and Mena Semeleer. Ewald Bieman s of Talk of The Town Hotel and Henri Martinez, promotion coordinator for Bonaire was also present.

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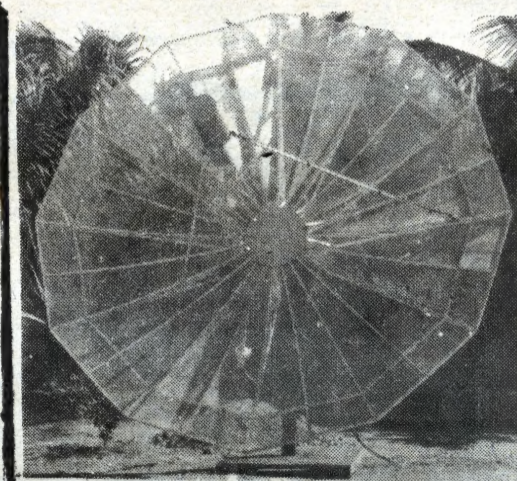
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VOZ-I-LANDIA FESTIVAL WINNERS



ORANJESTAD—The "Voz I Landia" Song Festival celebrated its fifteenth anniversary this year in the ballroom of the Aruba Concorde Hotel. Winners of this year's festival are: Nelson Tromp, the 10 to 13 group, and Valerie Camacho, in the 6 to 9 group. Above are the winners in the various categories: Gloria Vega, second in the voice category; Nelson Tromp and Albert Peters, popular singer category; Karin Peterson, song winning category; Rafaela Tamarez Page, popular singer category in 6 to 9 age group; Valery Camacho, who also won in the song category, and Marjeth Werleman, second place winner in the voice category.

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heart you can't. "Guidelines number two: Be sure of your relationship to Jesus Christ. If a man be in Christ, said Paul, he is a new person. Old things pass away and all things become new. (2 Cor. 5:17). He is what? He's a new person as the old things which have bound his life are replaced with a new set of goals and values. But for this to happen, you must be willing to turn loose of the habit that has defeated you. Let me put it another way, As long as you continue to dabble in drugs or alcohol after you come to Christ, you will lack the certainty of your salvation. You will not be quite certain if you are really saved by God's power. It has been my experience dealing with kids who have been on marijuana and have come to Christ that if they continue to

smoke it, they are up and down in their spiritual life—unsure of their salvation. "...Yes, very clearly God has made provision for the times that we stumble. The Bible says, If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)... He'll (God help you back up, but God expects you to do your part in making a clean break from your habit. If you have become a friend of Christ, if you have made a fresh commitment asking God to help you deal with your problem, get rid of the junk. Get rid of the bottle that you have hidden in the store room or the garage. In the words of the Scripture, Make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof. "Guideline number three: Saturate your mind with the

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by the deacon from the new fire during the singing of the Exultet on Holy Saturday, five grains of incense being inserted into its stem. It is extinguished after the Gospel on Ascension Day!! Sim-

ple the Paschal candle is a representation of the Light of Christ. And its rites can be traced to the Jewish ritual of the placing of the Lights. The altars which have been stripped for Good Friday

are once again covered with linen cloths on Holy Saturday, and the candles remain extinguished until the start of the first mass. When the Easter vigil begins at 11 or 11:30 p.m.
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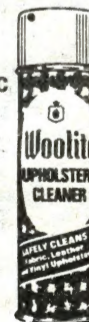
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stand at the entrance to the church in the doorway where a new fire is lit (usually in a coalpot) with coals that have been blessed with Holy water

and incense as the celebrant recites a special Collect. The new fire is censed three times by the celebrant with the thurible into which blessed coals

and incense have been placed. The large white Paschal candle is then brought into the middle of the gathering in the doorway of the church by a server, before the celebrant who with a knife, cuts a cross between the outermost incisions which have been prepared for the inserting of the grains of incense. The priest then makes above the cross the Greek letter Alpha (the beginning), and beneath it the letter Omega (the end) and between the arms of the cross four numbers representing the current year, reciting various lines as each part of this ceremony is carried. After the cross has been cut and the other signs

completed, the deacon or one of the servers, presents the grains of incense which are blessed by the priest who then fixes the five grains of incense in the incisions in the candle which represents the five wounds of our Lord on the cross while repeating a prayer suited to each insertion.

A small candle which has been lit from the new fire at the door is then handed to the priest by the deacon or one of the servers, with which the Paschal candle is lighted as the relevant prayer is said. The candle is then blessed and with the lights of the church still extin-

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Next Week**



ORANJESTAD—Deputy John van der Kuyp, in his capacity as president of the police work group, presented the report on the Aruba Police Force to Governor Pedro Bislip. The work group was installed on December 7, 1983, after the Round Table Conference. Members of the group are acting Commissioner W.R. Kramers, secretary of Police Affairs, U. Maduro, Attorney F. Wernet, Inspector R.W. Peterson, Inspector H.J. Kock, sub Inspector M.G. Nicolaas, Mr. J.E. Wever, of the department of judicial affairs and W.C. Ter Weeme of Constitutional Affairs. Secretaries are J. Diddier of W.C.Z. and Deputy Nelson Oduber project coordinator of Status Aparte.

"PLAYBOY NEDERLAND" TO FEATURE ARUBA

ORANJESTAD—The Playboy Nederland magazine will publish a feature story about tourism in Aruba. A photogra-

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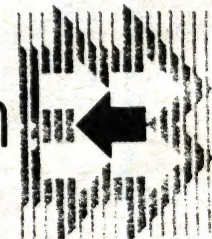
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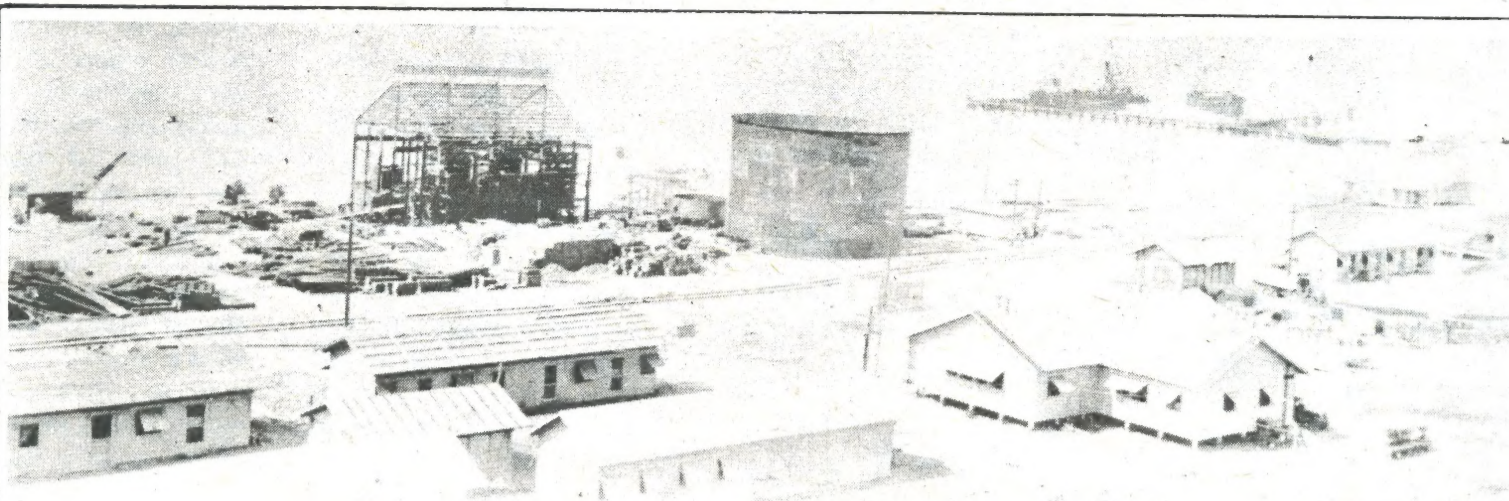


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Here is probably Lago's first tank in 1928.

enmeshed in community affairs. The refineries opened in the early 1920's and became the largest employers of these two islands, attracting workers from elsewhere in the Caribbean. When oil prices skyrocketed in the 1970s Curacao and Aruba enjoyed a boom and became

a magnet for prospering tourists from Venezuela. But high oil prices prompted unheard-of advances in energy conservation and undercut the demand for oil. This has meant an oversupply of refining capacity aggravated by the start-up of new refineries in the Middle East. As a

result, refinery output in Curacao and Aruba decreased. Fewer tankers came to the islands ports. Shipowners put off repairing their vessels or found that they no longer needed to pay the premiums at the Curacao drydock, known for fast,

high-quality work. Americans in Aruba. Over the years perhaps 10,000 American managers and technicians have passed through the Aruba refinery on assignments lasting two to five years. The refinery had a compound with about 200

bungalows near the beach tennis courts and its own school with American teachers. One Exxon executive said many couples with children had looped forward to a tour of duty in Aruba as "A short time in vacationland". Now in the refinery's final hours there are about 40 expatriates, awaiting new assignments, down from the peak of about 4,000 Americans just after world War II, when the refinery was still being expanded and there was a total of 8,300 employees. Although the closing of the plant has cast a pall over Aruba subdued parties have marked the end of a mainly happy relationship. In re-

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO I.O.W.U.A.'S MONEY?

SAN NICOLAS—The members of the I.O.W.U.A. union are asking what will now become of their union funds. They have around f.500,000 in the bank. This is the last week they are working as Lago employees, time is running out, and up to now the I.O.W.U.A. board can't tell them, what the board will do with the f.500,000. According to the I.O.W.U.A. statutes, articles 7 & 8, the termination of their members takes effect automatically when Lago closes. The members also want to know about their office building, and their club building at Eagle Beach.

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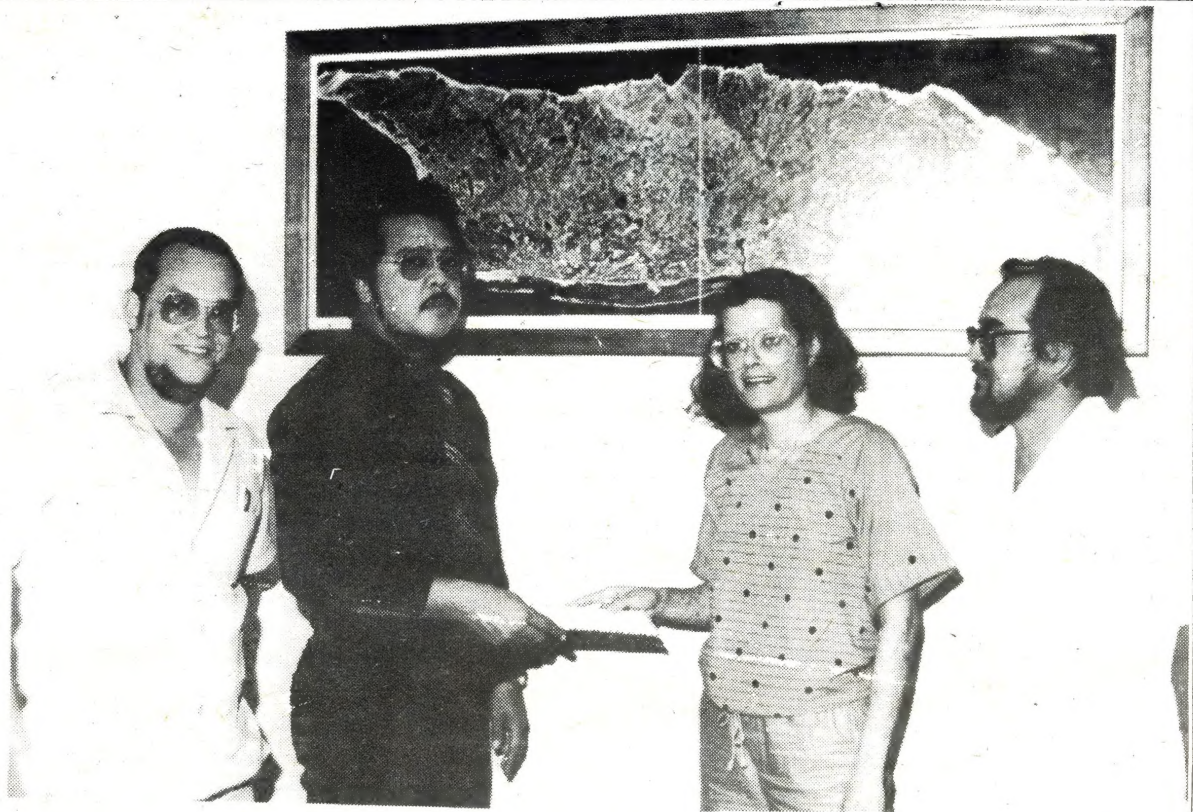
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word of God to replace the void that is left in your habit. On one occasion Jesus told a story. He said: When a demon is cast out of a man, it goes to the desert searching there for rest; but finding none, it returns to the person it left, and finds that its former home is all swept and clean. Then it goes and gets seven other demons more evil than itself, and they all enter the man. And so the poor fellow is seven times worse off than he was before. (Luke 11:24-26 L.B.) 'The point is obvious: When you by God's power deny a habit which has controlled your life, there is a void an emptiness that must be filled with something. Nothing will help you more than to saturate your mind with the teaching of God's Word, the Bible.' Dr. Lambert Dolphin, a research scientist, took LSD under a controlled laboratory test program... and sent him into deep melancholy

and depression. Through God's power he found his way back as he turned to the Lord and committed his life to Him.... For the next six months I was careful to study the Bible and to have long talks with God and to pay attention closely to His instructions... I appreciate the healing love of God more than words can tell. 'Vicious habits destroy our self-worth--the ego concept which we have to relate to life. When we come into a new relationship with Jesus Christ we begin to discover our identity--that we are of value and purpose in the sight of God. He has forgiven us and we have a future because the past is forever behind us.' Guidelines number four: Avoid the temptation of allowing yourself to be put into the corner... One last thought: You can do it with God's help. I can do all things through Christ (Phil. 4:13)'



ORANJESTAD--Mr. Dooley Tromp, president of the Aruban Olympic Committee workgroup met with the Deputy of Sports, Miss Grace Bareño. Mr. Tromp delivered a letter to the deputy informing her that the work group was founded by the majority of sports organizations on the island and that it is the intention of the group to establish an Aruban Olympic Committee. Mr. Tromp was accompanied by Mr. Nilo Croes, a member of the work group. Also present was Mr. Jerry Gomez of the I.D.E.F.R.E.



ORANJESTAD--Dr. Rory Arends of the Tourism Office presented a plaque on behalf of the government of Aruba to Raiza Soubllette, head of production of the picture "El Atentado" of which a part was filmed in Aruba on the beaches and in the casinos. The film was shown in the De Veer Theatre last week in the presence of actor Gustavo Rodriguez, Leoncio Croes of the Tourism Office and Tico Kuiperi, master of ceremony.

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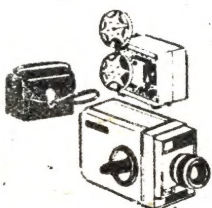
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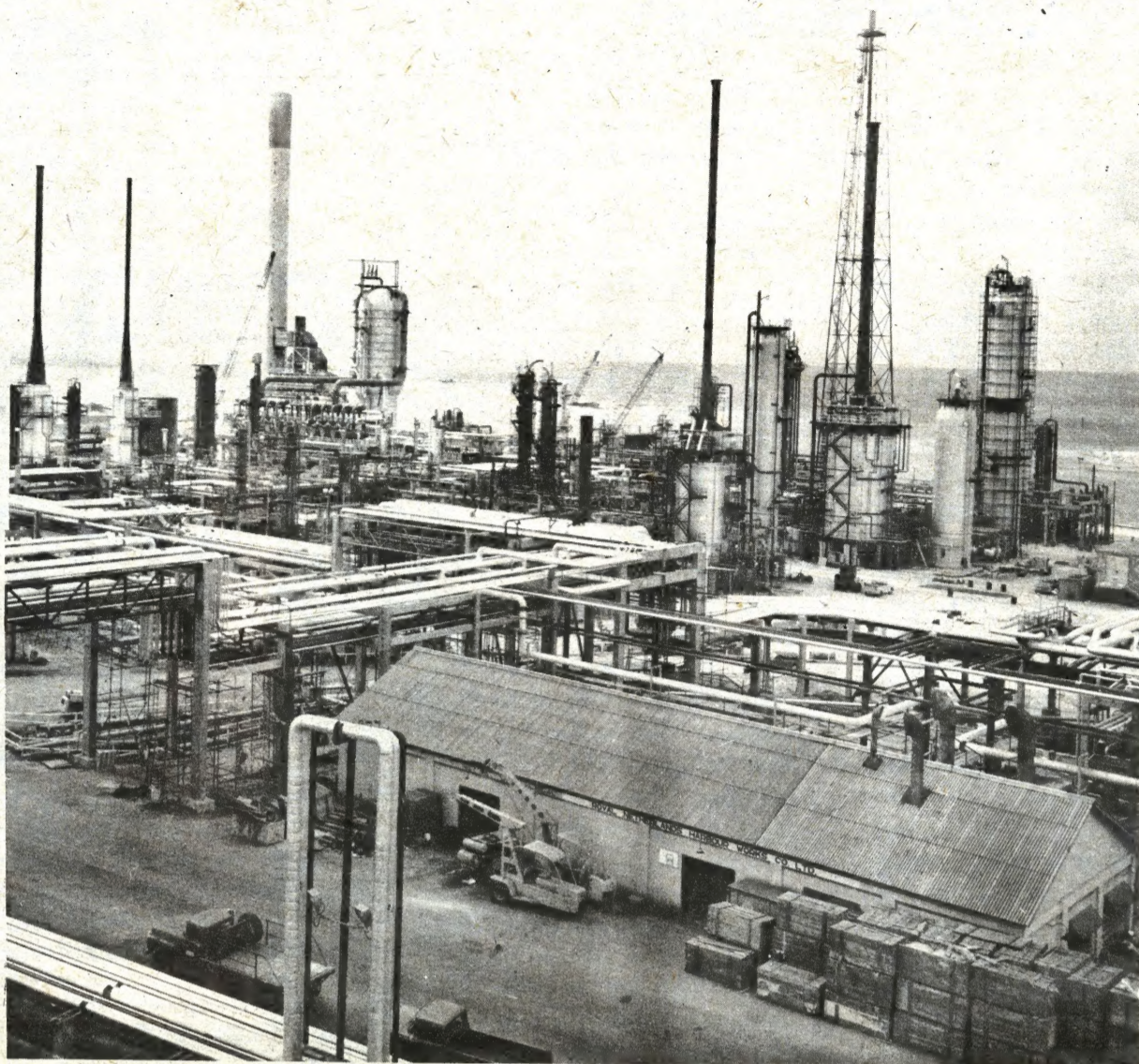
cent years, for Curacao, oil refining losses have been largely offset by high profits from finance companies that were set up here to enable American corporation to borrow billions of dollars in Europe and avoid certain United States taxes. But last July Congress repealed the law that inspired that aspect of offshore financing, which in 1984 yielded Curacao nearly \$200 million. Unlike most other Caribbean islands there are few signs of poverty on Curacao and Aruba. The per capita income is about \$5,000 a year. Air-conditioned auto-mobiles are everywhere, and shops are filled with new American and European products. Multilingual Literacy Thrives. Literacy is high, and many people speak four languages. Dutch, English, Spanish and Papiamentu—a melange of the three others with some Portuguese words thrown in.

For most of the people of the islands, the economic crisis does not presage hunger but rather an adjustment to a lower standard of living. Nevertheless, forecasts that unemployment in Aruba could leap from 15 percent to as high as 40 percent has intensified the gloom. The economies of the two islands have soured at a time when Aruba with a population of 60,000 is preparing to pull out of the group of six islands that were colonized by the Dutch and are known as the Netherlands



Lago's last president,
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Antilles. Curacao the Dominant Island. For decades Aruba has been complaining about being politically and economically dominated by Curacao, which has a population of 160,000 and is the seat of the central government for the six islands. Both the islanders and the Dutch regard the Netherlands Antilles not as a colony but as an autonomous part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Netherlands handle military matters and most foreign affairs and the islands receive about \$70 million a year in loans and aid from The Hague. But the islanders receive about \$70 million a year in loans and aid from The Hague. But the islanders have their own elected parliaments—one for each island and one for the group—and they are largely self-governing. Most Antilleans say they like the arrangements but believe the Dutch want it to end, partly because of the financial burden and



View of Hydrodesulfurization Units, Lago's last major project.

partly because of the aura of a colonial past. Independence After 10 years One of the Hague's conditions for agreeing that Aruba could have separate status beginning next January was that 10 years later Aruba would become totally independent. The International Monetary Fund says it makes more sense for tiny Aruba to remain a part of the Netherlands Antilles because it has no natural re-

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sources and after the refinery closing will be left with tourism as virtually its only income source. But Aruba's political leaders say they think Curacao and the other islands Bonaire, St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius are in more financial trouble than Aruba. "We are of the opinion that on our own we can stimulate our economy and recover in a more accelerated period than if we stayed in the Antilles," said Betico Croes the leader of Aruba's governing Electoral Movement Party. Economic Surveys Pursued. Henny Eman, Aruba's main opposition leader, agreed. "We think we can do things

better ourselves," he said. Both Curacao and Aruba are scrambling to find new ways to make money. Two studies are under way to propose economic projects—one financed by the United States

finished industrial goods from Colombia and Venezuela. Such goods could be processed and then sold in the United States under duty-free provisions of the Caribbean Basin Initiative. In Curacao u-



Captain ROBERT RODGERS was a member of the original party that selected Aruba as a transshipping station. The first manager of the infant enterprise, he was known for many years as "Mr. Lago". Captain Rodgers began at Lago in Aruba on August 14, 1925 and retired on March 1, 1939. The Rodgers Beach is named after him.

for both islands and the other by the Chamber of Commerce of Curacao and some local businesses. The Arubans say they have proposals for new and expanded hotels that would double the tourist space to more than 4,000 rooms. Both islands are considering business that would import agricultural products and partly

nion leaders and business men working with Government officials, have formed a development corporation. **Continued on page 12**



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ORANJESTAD—Veteran Sports Director Mr. Johnny Oduber was elected by the Aruba Boxing Commission as its first honorary member. The commission presented an award and a plaque to Mr. Oduber. Present were Aruba Boxing Commission members: Dr. Cyrill Zaandam, Roy van Putten, Mrs. Susan Solognier, Charlie Robert and Marco Bislip.

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poration to attract new industry and have agreed to that it should be partly paid for by a 5 percent rise in income taxes. Some Curacao businessmen have started a \$ 50 million sprucing up of the capital's historic center to revive tourism. Lionel Capriles, the head of Maduro & Curiel's Bank, the largest bank in the islands, heads an organization of Government officials and business leaders who have broken ground for a 27 million dollar International Trade Center that is envisioned as a place where Latin American countries can display and sell their products to American European and Far Eastern companies. "One of our strengths at the moment is that everybody's feeling the pinch," he said. "I think that everybody feels only by working together can we get out of this problem."

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